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Appointments to Committee on the Costs of Medical Care.—Dr. John M. T. Finney of Baltimore, professor of clinical surgery in the medical school of Johns Hopkins University, and Dr. David Riesman of Philadelphia, professor of clinical medicine in the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania and physician to the Philadelphia General and University Hospitals, have been appointed consultants to the Committee on the Cost of Medical Care. Doctor Finney and Doctor Riesman join Dr. Roger I. Lee, consultant in internal medicine, of Brookline, Massachusetts, as consultants of the committee.

Lecture at University of California Medical School.—On Tuesday, February 24, at 12 noon, Professor Jules Duesberg of the University of Lieze, Belgium, will lecture on "How Belgium is Trying to Develop Research." Members of the faculty, students and all interested are invited to attend.

New California Directors of Public Health—Drs. Porter of Los Angeles and Sabichi of Bakersfield Appointed by Governor Rolph.—A news dispatch in the Los Angeles Times of date of January 27, is as follows:

Sacramento, January 27 (AP).—Governor Rolph today announced appointment of Dr. Giles S. Porter of Los Angeles as director of the State Department of Public Health, to succeed Dr. Walter M. Dickie, resigned.

Dr. George C. Sabichi, Bakersfield, was appointed assistant director and chief of the division of epidemiology, which handles communicable disease work.

Both Doctors Porter and Sabichi, the Governor said, were highly recommended to him by Doctors George Parrish and William C. Hassler, health officers of Los Angeles and San Francisco, respectively. Doctor Sabichi succeeds Dr. Jacques S. Gray, Santa Rosa, who resigned some time ago.

American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.—The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, composed of nine members and examiners, elected by the American Association of Obstetricians, Gynecologists and Abdominal Surgeons, the American Gynecological Society, and the Section on Obstetrics, Gynecology and Abdominal Surgery of the American Medical Association, was formally organized in Niagara Falls, September 16, 1930. The function of the board is to grant certificates indicating proficiency and specialization in obstetrics or gynecology, or both, to those who comply with its requirements. This board has been in the process of organization since 1927. It puts into action a determined effort on the part of these three national organizations to improve the standards of practice of obstetrics and gynecology. The board does not intend in any way to interfere with or limit the professional activities of any duly licensed physician, but it does aim toward standardized qualifications for specialists in obstetrics and gynecology. Any well qualified obstetrician and gynecologist should have no difficulty in obtaining a certificate and the board is desirous of receiving applications from those to whom this applies. The first examination for candidates will be held simultaneously in nineteen different cities of this country and Canada on Saturday, March 14, 1931. Detailed information and application blanks may be secured from Dr. Paul Titus, secretary, 1015 Highland Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

American College of Physicians.—The fifteenth annual clinical session of the American College of Physicians will convene in Baltimore, Maryland, March 23-27, and in Washington, D. C., March 28, 1931. Held in important medical centers, these clinical sessions constitute, perhaps, the most important postgraduate week in internal medicine each year. Those

who attend the meeting will find ample in the way of clinical, laboratory, research and historical interest, well to repay them for the time spent in making the journey.

The entire program of the clinical session is characterized by new subjects, new authors and wide geographic representation.

Hotel headquarters will be at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, while general headquarters, at which the registration of members, commercial exhibits and all general sessions will be held, will be the Alcazar, Cathedral and Madison streets, Baltimore. Transportation on the certificate plan of reduced fares will be available to all physicians and dependent members of their family from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Mr. E. R. Loveland, 133-135 South Thirty-sixth Street, Philadelphia, is the executive secretary of the college, and it is to him that requests for further information or programs should be addressed.

New Psychiatric Directory.—In 1928, the second edition of the *Directory of Psychiatric Clinics for Children in the United States*, was published. This directory included, in addition to a list of clinics offering psychiatric service for children, a brief description of any psychiatric services conducted by state departments, a list of state hospitals and institutions for mental cases, and a statement of the activities of state and local societies for mental hygiene. In addition to what was obtained in 1928, material will be gathered relative to psychiatric clinics for adults.

The success of this compilation depends largely on the coöperation and assistance of the directors of psychiatric clinics.

All neurological, neuropsychiatric and psychiatric clinics accepting psychiatric cases for psychiatric study and treatment should be included in this directory. Information from anyone regarding any clinic not included in the last directory will be greatly appreciated, together with any other suggestions as to ways in which the directory may be made more useful. Address information to George S. Stevenson, M. D., Director Division on Community Clinics, the National Committee for Mental Hygiene.

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Esteem the counsel of elders—their wisdom is of experience.

Elders use laboratory findings for all they are worth.

Keep a card index—then you will know "the kind of medicine I gave you last time."

Cleanse your hands, thermometer and hypodermic in the presence of the patient.

Treat no complaint with levity or the complainer will feel hurt. Many trifling ailments become serious.

Throw away none of your colleague's medicines when called to a patient he has been treating, or the patient will think less of you.

Do not promise a recovery. Always be a guarantor of service.

A prognosis of death and the patient lives,
His friends will forget and forgive.

They never forget you though they may forgive,
When he dies and you said he'd live.

* Members of the California, Nevada and Utah Medical Associations are invited to contribute to this column of aphorisms, which will appear from time to time in California and Western Medicine, as sufficient copy accumulates. The aphorisms in this issue were sent in by John William Shuman, M. D., Los Angeles.